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FOR COURTNEY AND SCHNEIDER FROM KUX

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH, IN

SUBJECT: TARAPUR FUEL STORAGE STUDY

1. WE HAD A MEETING JULY 7 WITH SEVERAL ERDA EXPERTS  
AS WELL AS OES AND L REPRESENTATIVES AND ARE SENDING YOU  
BY SEPTEL A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY PROJECT WHICH  
HAS BEEN MIRED DOWN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, HOPEFULLY BECAUSE  
OF A MISUNDERSTANDING. JUDGING FROM BOMBAY 1564 THE  
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INDIANS MAY BE OPERATING UNDER THE MISAPPREHENSION THAT  
THE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR FEASIBILITY  
STUDY ALSO OBTAINS FOR THEM GE'S PROPRIETARY INFORMATION  
ON EXPANDING STORAGE CAPACITY. ALTERNATIVELY THEY MAY  
BE TRYING TO EXTRACT THAT INFORMATION ESSENTIALLY FOR  
NOTHING BY BANKING ON THE IMPROVED CLIMATE IN BILATERAL  
RELATIONS. POSSIBLY WE HAVE MISLED THEM INTO ONE OR THE

OTHER TACK. IT IS HARD TO NEGOTIATE AT SUCH LONG DISTANCE  
ON THIS TECHNICAL/LEGAL MATTER.

2. IN ANY EVENT NEITHER ERDA NOR GE CAN ACCEPT THE  
INDIAN PROPOSAL CONVEYED IN REFTEL. GE CONSIDERS THAT  
ITS INFORMATION HAS A VALUE (FAR EXCEEDING THE COST OF

THE STUDY) FOR WHICH THE INDIANS WILL HAVE  
TO PAY. RE PARA 1 REFTEL, THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL DOUBT THAT  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT GIVES ERDA AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE  
MORE THAN A FEASIBILITY STUDY. MOREOVER, ERDA DOES NOT  
HAVE APPROPRIATIONS TO PAY GE WHAT WOULD BE NECESSARY  
IF THEY ARE TO GIVE PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.

3. TIME IS ALSO RAPIDLY BECOMING A KEY FACTOR SINCE  
THE ONLY TWO GE EXPERTS WHO CAN CONDUCT THE FEASIBILITY  
STUDY WILL BE TIED UP IN ANOTHER PROJECT BEGINNING IN  
LATE JULY. BOTH EXPERTS WERE INVOLVED IN BUILDING  
TARAPUR, AND ERDA TELLS US THERE ARE NONE OTHER WITH  
COMPARABLE BACKGROUND AND COMPETENCE TO TAKE ON THIS  
PROJECT. EVEN THOUGH GE IS QUITE RELUCTANTLY INVOLVED  
IN THE PROJECT, ERDA DOES NOT FEEL ANY OTHER U.S.SOURCE  
CAN DO A MEANINGFUL STUDY. WE ALSO FEEL THAT IT WOULD  
BE HELPFUL IF THE TWO EXPERTS (WHO ARE ABLE TO TRAVEL  
IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS) COULD BE AT TARAPUR WHEN JOE  
NYE VISITS JULY 22-23.

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4. IN VIEW OF ABOVE I THINK YOU SHOULD STRONGLY EN-  
COURAGE THE INDIANS TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON THE STUDY  
IN THE NEXT DAYS. MY READING FROM OUR MEETING WITH ERDA  
OFFICIALS IS THAT THERE IS NO ROOM FOR FURTHER MOVEMENT  
ON THIS END, AND THE INDIANS WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO  
SIGN UP SOONEST. VANCE

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